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**Indy Parks Pools Set to Open for Summer Swimmers**  
***Pools & Spray Grounds Scheduled to Open Memorial Day Weekend***

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Indy Parks and Recreation announces opening weekend for the City's 16 outdoor pools and aquatic facilities, Saturday, May 27 – Monday, May 29, weather permitting\*. The regular summer season will run from Saturday, June 3 – Sunday, August 13. Hours of operation will vary by site, and are subject to change throughout the summer in response to attendance.

Each year, Indy Parks hires more than 400 lifeguard and staff to help operate 22 outdoor & indoor aquatic facilities and the beach at Eagle Creek Park. Several pools offer a variety of high-quality Red Cross water safety and swim instruction classes for all ages.

"This is always such an exciting time of the year," said Indy Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Wynns. "I encourage residents of all ages to take advantage of Indy Parks' aquatic facilities and the variety of instructional and leisure programs we offer."

Several of aquatic facilities feature water slides, spray features, and a zero-depth entry area for young children. Most facilities feature accessible ramps and/or ADA-compliant lifts for swimmers with disabilities.

Note, all indoor pools will be closed on Memorial Day. Pools on the city's west side — at Gustafson and Thatcher Parks — will be closed for races on 5/28, 7/2 and 8/6.

Admission to Indy Parks Aquatics facilities ranges between \$1-\$3.50 for youth (ages 3-17) and \$2-\$4.50 for adults. Again this year, Indy Parks will offer Gator Passes — special "punch" cards that provide a 20% discount off of the regular pool admission rates. These passes can be purchased at the pools.

*\*Pool opening based on an air temperature of at least 68°F or higher. Patrons are encouraged to call their local facility directly to confirm hours of operation.*

**Spray Grounds**

Indy Parks also operates 12 spray grounds, or "spray pools" — a fun and free alternative to cool off on hot summer days. These zero-depth, concrete pads feature water spray and splash features and operate by motion sensors. When activated, a spray feature will run for 3 minutes before turning off. Spray grounds will operate May 27- September 4. Please note lifeguards are not on duty at spray grounds.

Parks offering spray pools include 61<sup>st</sup> & Broadway, Andrew Ramsey, Arsenal, Bowman, Centennial & Groff, Christian, Douglass, Haughville, Municipal Gardens, Washington, Willard, and Windsor Village.

A complete list of spray grounds, pool locations and amenities is available in the 2006 Summer Fun Guide or online at [www.indyparks.org/aquatics](http://www.indyparks.org/aquatics). Patrons can also call Indy Parks Customer Service at (317) 327-PARK.

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